



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

**AGENDA**

**Meeting of June 13, 2001**  
9:00 A.M., First Floor Hearing Room  
242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. Ratification of Minutes of the May 9, 2001 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. Complaints filed by Mr. Edward J. Democracy: (Tabled from May meeting – See letters received May 3<sup>rd</sup> from Ms. Linda Pal and Ms. Betsy Sawyer-Manter, Treasurers)

A. Concerned Citizens for a Balanced Approach to Portland's Future – Alleged failure to register as a political action committee and file required reports

**Recommendation:** Assess total penalty of \$603.47 as follows: (1) \$250.00 late registration penalty; (2) \$353.47 late reporting penalty (\$3,927.47 expenditure reported 9 days late, first violation).

B. Citizens Protecting Portland's Future – Alleged failure to file accurate report

**Recommendation:** To be determined based upon response to May 24<sup>th</sup> letter to Concerned Citizens for a Balanced Approach to Portland's Future. If this group is the same group as "Concerned Citizens, etc." (except for a changed name), the penalty assessed against "Concerned Citizens, etc." would address any reporting issues associated with "Citizens Protecting, etc." and full disclosure requirements will have been met.

C. Campaign for a Comprehensive Plan – Alleged need to amend report

**Recommendation:** Dismiss. Registration completed correctly based upon information requested. Full disclosure of \$1,700 in assets upon registration made in 6-Day Pre-Election Report. Registration form will be amended to reflect statutory itemization requirement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Late Lobbyist Disclosure Penalty Determinations:

A. Kellie P. Miller, Lobbyist for Maine Osteopathic Association

April Monthly Report

Due 5/15/01; Filed 5/16/01

Two previous late filings this biennium (3/00 and 2/01 Monthly Reports)

Penalty: \$100.00

**Recommendation:** Assess penalty of \$100.00



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B. Evangeline Hollander, Lobbyist for Youth Alternatives, Inc.

April Monthly Report

Due 5/15/01; Filed 5/31/01

One previous late filing this biennium (2/01 Monthly Report)

Penalty: \$100.00

Recommendation: Assess penalty of \$100.00

4. Honorable Zachary Matthews: Representative Matthews has requested to establish a payment schedule for his \$2,000 penalty by making 25 monthly payments of \$80.00 per month beginning June 30, 2001 with a final payment on June 30, 2003.

Recommendation: Approve.

5. Ralph I. Coffman, Treasurer, Independent Party of Maine: Referral of failure to file April Quarterly Report by political action committee to Attorney General for appropriate action.

6. Legislative Status Update: Oral report by Mr. Hain on the status of currently active bills that may affect the Commission.

7. Maine Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (ME PEER) Complaint: Briefing of Commission regarding review of complaint against a Legislator (anonymity protected by 1 M.R.S.A. § 1013(3)) to determine whether the matter relates to the Commission's statutory mandate and, in consultation with Commission Counsel, to determine whether the complaint has sufficient merit to warrant referring it to the Commission for action. (May require executive session.)

8. Status of Commission Staff Requested Investigations: Briefing by Commission Counsel regarding status of investigations requested by Commission staff of campaign reporting practices of candidates during 2000 election. (May require executive session.)

9. Executive Session: As required.

10. Other: If needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**